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Oats & Forage Brassica Crops for Grazing

Combine forage brassicas (hybrids or turnips) with oats for fall grazing.

The best combinations for maximum biomass for grazing in about 60 days are a combination of oats at 1.5 to 2 Bushel per acre (48 to 64 lbs) of oats along with 2 to 4 lbs of turnips (Appin or Barkant turnip) Appin is quicker than Barkant. Or plant the oats with 3.5 to 4 lbs of other forage brassica (T-Raptor, Hunter or Pasja)

Optimum planting dates are Aug 1 to 15. As we move to the north into cooler growing zones, OR as we plant later in August then we can increase the seeding rate of the oats, this will make up to some extent growing more biomass with more plants per ft² compared to having the oats grow more from the increased growing temperatures when they are planted earlier.

Appin, Barkant, T-Raptor, Hunter or Pasja are the preferred brassicas for with oats for quick growth of biomass.

Other brassicas such as Rangiori Forage Rape, Bonar Forage Rape and Winfred forage Brassica are later maturing brassicas, taking longer amounts of time to get to maturity.